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WU-ing the world

- University says new brand has broader reach, better reflects identity
- 'Western University' helps set school apart as top tier, leaders say



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Diplomas will still read University of Western Ontario. And the school's Twitter hashtag and web address will keep the "UWO" label for now.

But officially speaking, the institution of higher learning that has called London home since 1878 is now Western University — or WU as the case may be.

The new brand, which includes a redesigned logo, was rolled out Thursday after more than a year of consultation with faculty, staff, students, alumni and at least one designer. While the work behind the rebranding was intricate, its driving goal is quite simple, said Keith Marnoch, director of media and community relations.

"When Ontario's in our name, it regionalizes the school a little bit," he said.

Putting a clear-cut "Western" stamp on the university helps "solidify what we have with the people that know us locally and gives us a bit of a new greeting card to go out and reach new audiences and new markets," he said.



► Western University student Aya Fasoukh, 25, of London, models a shirt with the new logo Thursday at the University Community Centre.



That's especially important, officials said, as they push harder to snag international students.

History wasn't pushed aside as the university leaders blazed new trails. The new name has close ties to that under which the school was originally chartered: Western University of London Ontario.

As for the new logo, it ditches the bell tower for an updated version of the shield in Western's coat of arms — the school's main identifier before the tower was introduced.

Another historic touch is hidden in the logo font. Designed specifically for Western, the lettering will be registered as "Hellmuth," in honour of Bishop Isaac Hellmuth, the school founder. Perhaps most important to some, Mustangs can still say they're "Purple and Proud."

Apart from a slight shift from Pantone 266 to 268, the school colours are staying the same. For more coverage, turn to page 2.

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The cost of Western's rebranding.
Source: University officials

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Rallies as Caterpillar post big gains

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- ▶ Spokesman says CAT is strong but London plant isn't competitive
- ▶ Company hired 26,427 in 2011



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As Caterpillar reported record financial results Thursday morning, Canadian Auto Workers across the county launched informational pickets to support the company's locked-out London employees.

Toromont — a CAT dealer with offices on Enterprise Drive — was among the places union workers picked to hand out flyers. The scene was similar at dealers in about a dozen other cities spread across seven provinces, said Bob Scott, chairman of the CAW unit at Electro-Motive Diesel.

Caterpillar's firm financial footing hardly came as a surprise, Scott said. Most workers expected the company to make big profits.

"It was just how much it was actually going to be," he said.

Caterpillar spokesman

At a glance

Illinois-based construction giant Caterpillar financial results:

- ▶ Fourth-quarter 2011 profit: \$1.5 billion, up 60 per cent from fourth-quarter 2010.
- ▶ Total profit for 2011: \$5 billion, up 83 per cent from 2010.
- ▶ Fourth-quarter 2011 sales and revenue: \$17.2 billion, up 35 per cent from fourth-quarter 2010.
- ▶ Total sales and revenue for 2011: \$60.1 billion, up 41 per cent from 2010.

Jim Dugan declined a request for financial data specific to the company's locomotive plant in London.

"We report sales and revenue at a much, much higher level," he said. "We don't report (on) even a country-by-country basis much less at a facility level."

Dugan did say the plant isn't "competitive in



▶ Caterpillar-owned Electro-Motive workers picket a Caterpillar equipment dealership in London, Thursday.

terms of its overall costs," including labour.

The contract offer that Electro-Motive workers rejected last month stemmed directly from that, he said. Union representatives have said it in-

cluded deep wage cuts and other concessions.

"We're looking to put a structure in place so that ... the facility is competitive," Dugan said Thursday.

The plant's "structure"

shouldn't have come as a surprise to anyone at Caterpillar, Scott said.

"When they purchased the facility (in 2010) they knew what the contract was," he said. "That plant has always made money."

Western's look 'right amount of change': Expert

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In a word, Western's new brand is "smart," said Wendy Smith, president of London marketing firm RedRhino.

Western University sounds strong, bold and isn't too far afield from the images one might associate with names like Har-

vard or Berkley.

"We sound like the big guy," Smith said.

Re-branding a company — or institution in this case — is no small task, she said. It's a detailed process that includes fielding a lot of opinion and trying to please many stakeholders.

Western clearly did a lot of research before deciding

on and rolling out its new identity Thursday morning, Smith said. While the effort didn't include a big buy-in from the community at large, that's not necessarily a bad thing, she said.

Smith credited school leaders with tying their new look into the school's history and holding true to its traditional colour — purple.



▶ The new logo

As for the naysayers? No one should be discouraged by them, she said.

"We have a 10-second attention span nowadays.

Honestly, if you're going to make a change, do it, stick to it and next year no one will even remember what the old logo looked like."

Reader tweets



Here's what people were saying on

Twitter about the rebranding of Western University:

- ▶ @3_Audrey: "#UWO is also the perfect hashtag...I bet they didn't think about that before they changed the name..."

- ▶ @melslobo: "Do you think if enough of us petition they will change it back to #UWO? Because this whole WU thing doesn't work for me @UWOproblems"
- ▶ @lanGooda: "Is it just me or is rebranding #uwo to #westernuniversity confusing. It's all about context, it's western only if you're in ON, ergo #UWO"
- ▶ @kerryimeikle: "Western

- University? #UWO #forever"
- ▶ @aalexandria: "I feel like making a new #uwo logo was a waste of time... Call me dumb but #idont-getit."
- ▶ @shamjacobs: "People are gonna think I go to Waterloo now #shame #UWO"
- ▶ @April_VC: "Woke up to #uwo's rebranding! Have to say after watching the video I like it! Western University!"

- ▶ @laurabeaulne: "So, is my grey hoodie that says 'UWO' a vintage collector's piece now? #uwo"
- ▶ @amydyck: "Thanks for the personalized email Amit, but im still not a big fan of the new #Uwo identity. Western university? Nahhh."
- ▶ @devballs: "oh #UWO you've really stooped low, or should I say Western University?"

- ▶ @lesleyannecamp: "i don't care what we call it, i still love it #uwo #westernuniversity #purplepride"
- ▶ @annakwan78: "Just discovered that my alma mater, #UWO has changed its name to #WesternU. Why weren't alumni informed of this???"
- ▶ @evabumble: "I still go to #uwo, but congrats #westernu"
- ▶ @alexchurchill: "it'll always be #uwo"

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► A woman walks by a Talbot Street alley featuring city-endorsed murals. The murals between Dundas and King streets have gone virtually untouched since they were painted to mark the 2005 Memorial Cup at the John Labatt Centre, a city official said.

Project aims to promote murals

► Organizers say more art on walls of downtown businesses will help prevent unsolicited tagging



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Ryan Mahy is a big proponent of covering the walls of downtown businesses with art.

While he likes the idea of a new venture that aims to make that happen, he also worries things could go too far.

"I'm hoping that this process is going to be for the better," said Mahy, 27. "But I'm really concerned about artists losing the freedom of expression."

City councillors gave the initial nod earlier this week to a project based around keeping downtown free of graffiti. The effort also

\$37K Amount of money Downtown London spends annually to remove unwanted "tags" from buildings.

could create a clear distinction in city bylaws between "graffiti vandalism" and artwork that has been commissioned with the permission of business owners. That's where Mahy comes in.

A well-known London artist, Mahy has multiple outdoor murals under his belt and has led some of the city's largest efforts on the front.

But, he said, city officials have in the past painted over graffiti-style murals

done by legitimate artists. He's 100 per cent behind a program that would keep that from happening, as long as there's room for all styles of art downtown.

Janette MacDonald, head of Downtown London, assures that's the goal. While the project is still in its early stages, Downtown London and other organizers ultimately want to see something akin to a "mural registry" created.

"What we want to do is make sure that if a mural goes up, it's not offensive and the building owner agrees to maintain it," she said. "(Murals) may not all be graffiti-style, but some of them may be. I think you need a nice blend."

McKegg explodes onto the scene for Knights

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First impressions are important on job interviews and dates. And so is your first fortnight with a new hockey team in front of thousands of new fans.

In Bachelor-speak, it's safe to say that Londoners are giving Greg McKegg a rose and want to see him again.

The new crowd favourite at the JLC has been on a tear since joining the Knights with 10 goals and 16 points in just nine games. This after averaging just under a point a game (34 points in 35 games) with the Erie Otters.

"The skill level is different here as opposed to (Erie)," McKegg, 19, said. "It's a little bit easier playing here — I'm definitely rejuvenated coming to a first-place team."

Part of that rejuvenation



► Greg McKegg

may be the overwhelming support the Knights receive.

"It's always fun coming back to London," he said. "It's really cool to be a part of it now."

McKegg, drafted in the third round by the Toronto Maple Leafs in 2010, has not only endeared himself to Londoners, but also to his teammates.

"He's a great all-around player," said Brett Welychka, one of many Knights

Up next

► The Knights host the Windsor Spitfires at 7:30 p.m. Friday; Saturday night they visit the Saginaw Spirit.

► London is once again the top-ranked team in the Canadian Hockey League, after dropping to No. 2 for a couple of weeks.

who have played on McKegg's wing. "He can put the puck in the net and he has great vision on the ice. He's helped our team out a lot."

The St. Thomas native's secret weapon may well be the home cooking he's received since moving back with his family.

"It's definitely nice," he said. "It makes things easier — you know your routine and how you like things done."

Fluoride debate lasts six hours

It was a long night for city politicians, health officials, and about 200 members of the public who argued the pros and cons of keeping fluoride in London's drinking water at last night's public input meeting. The committee voted to have staff look over the information, and report back in six weeks. AM980/AM980.CA

Lightning lose in Moncton

The London Lightning dropped a 98-91 decision to the Miracles in Moncton in National Basketball League of Canada action Thursday night. Gabe Freeman led the way for London with 21 points and 13 rebounds. Darrell Wonge led all scorers with 23 points for the Miracle, who led 52-46 at halftime. METRO

Liberals clarify caesarean comments

Ontario's Liberal government scrambled Thursday to clarify it will not force pregnant women to pay for planned C-sections, after suggesting earlier this week that the procedure would no longer be covered by medicare.

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Deaths not an accident: Crown

► Crown delivers closing arguments in Shafia family trial ► Security issue spurs delay earlier in the day

The evidence against three people accused of killing half their family over honour is "irrefutable," a Crown attorney told the jury in the case in closing arguments that lasted well into the evening after a bomb threat delayed proceedings earlier Thursday.

Crown attorney Laurie Lacelle told the jury hearing the Shafia family murder trial that Mohammad Shafia, 58, his wife Tooba Yahya, 42, and their son Hamed, 21, were each responsible for planning and carrying out four murders, executed to get rid of family members causing them dishonour.

"Shafia, Tooba and Hamed had decided that there was a diseased limb on their family tree," she said. "Their decision was to trim the diseased limb and prune the tree back to the good wood." She urged the jury to find all three guilty in what the Crown has alleged is a quadruple hon-

Deliberations

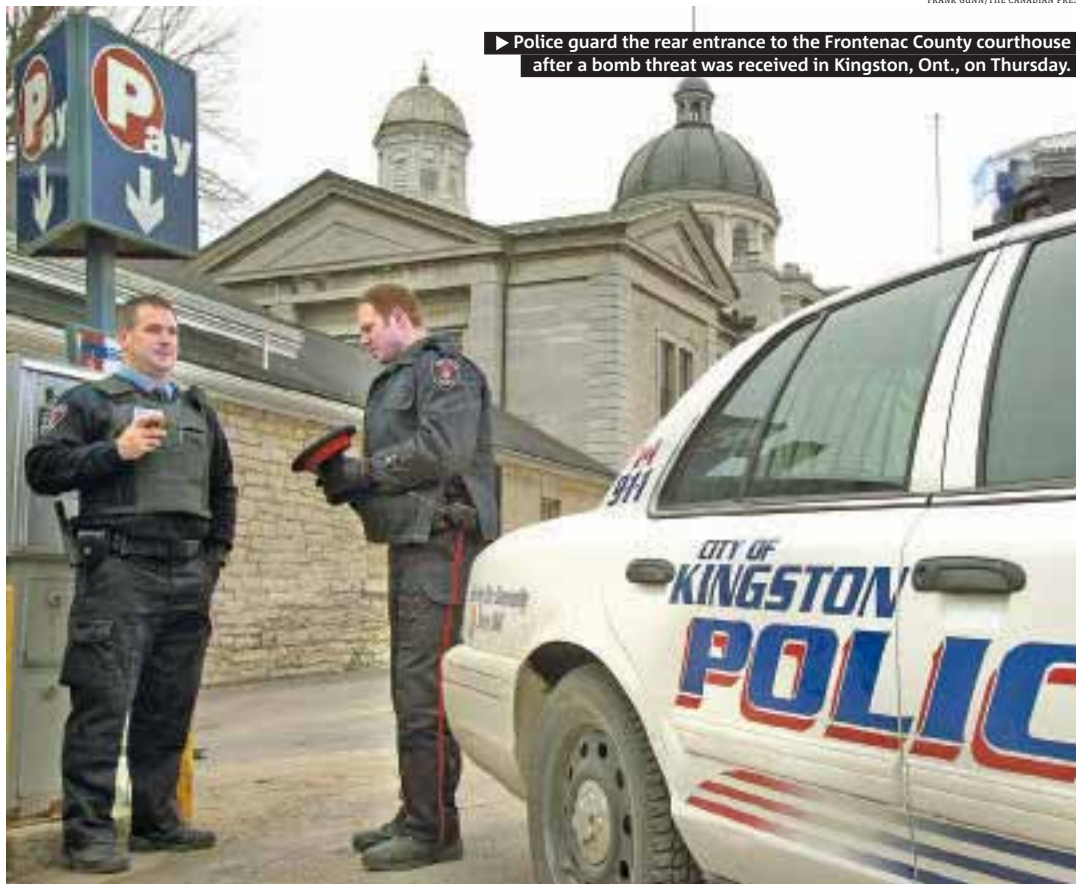
► The verdict was expected to be in the jury's hands Friday afternoon or early evening.

our killing of Shafia's three daughters and his other polygamous wife.

"You know this was not an accident — it was murder," Lacelle said at the end of her lengthy address. "They did what they each believed had to be done. Now it's your turn. Find them all guilty as charged. There is no other way."

The courthouse in which the Shafia trial is taking place was evacuated just before court was about to start Thursday morning. While police would only say there was a "security concern." A source told The Canadian Press the reason for the evacuation was a bomb threat.

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► Police guard the rear entrance to the Frontenac County courthouse after a bomb threat was received in Kingston, Ont., on Thursday.

7 Forces members recognized for bravery

It was one of the those heart-stopping moments every pilot who flew in Afghanistan feared — the dull thud of rounds hitting the helicopter and the smell of smoke.

But for Capt. William Todd Fielding, it wasn't some abstract concern and on Thursday he was awarded the country's third-highest valour decoration for what he did in the critical moments after the Taliban sprayed his CH-147

Chinook with gunfire.

Fielding was among seven members of the Canadian Forces to receive the Medal of Military Valour from Gov. Gen. David Johnston in a ceremony at Ottawa's Rideau Hall.

His helicopter was hit in the fuel tank and immediately caught fire as it took off from a forward position in the volatile Panjwahi district, west of Kandahar city on Aug. 5, 2010.



► Gov. Gen. David Johnston presents the Medal of Military Valour to Pte. Philip Millar of Lower Sackville, N.S.

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The native of Niagara Falls managed to land the burning chopper in the middle of insurgent-controlled territory and get everyone off safely without any casualties.

The other recipients were soldiers and included Master-Cpl. Adam Holmes, Master-Cpl. Gilles-Remi Mikkelsen, Pte. Philip Millar, Master-Cpl. Paul Mitchell, Pte. John Nelson, and Sgt. Graham Verrier.

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Acts of valour

- Holmes was recognized for his actions in a series of bloody fights in Panjwahi.
- Mikkelsen, Millar and Nelson were praised separately for delivering life-saving first-aid treatment to soldiers under fire.
- Mitchell and Verrier were recognized for holding their ground under fire and inspiring other soldiers.

Digging up a mystery

A time capsule unearthed during renovations at Toronto's famed Maple Leaf Gardens spilled its secrets Thursday, revealing hockey paraphernalia, news from

the Dirty '30s and a tiny ivory elephant.

While some of the capsule's contents relate to the time it was buried, there was little to explain the mysterious elephant. THE CANADIAN PRESS



► Elephant

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Plane-crash survivor speaks out

The lone survivor of a deadly plane crash in northern Ontario says he tried in vain to pull fellow passengers from the wreckage and snuff the fire that eventually destroyed the small aircraft.

Brian Shead says the Jan. 10 crash near the tiny native community of North Spirit Lake happened in a flash. The Winnipeg-based administrator for First Nations escaped with a crushed foot and fa-

cial injuries, but the pilot and the three other passengers died.

As the sole survivor, the father of three small children is haunted by guilt and dozens of unanswered questions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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► The wreckage from the plane crash.



No coddling at Facebook

► What it's really like to work for Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg

Mark Zuckerberg's former director of engineering says the Facebook CEO is not a pain in the ass to work with, but don't expect "emotional coddling."

Yishan Wong is giving the world a glimpse of the social-networking boy wonder on the question-and-answer website Quora, for which Wong is an advisor.

Wong worked at Facebook from 2005 to 2010, for much of that time in management roles when the company exploded into a major corporation from a small startup.

"He's a demanding CEO with a monomaniacal focus on making Facebook succeed in its mission," Wong wrote.

"He's a perfectly nice guy on a personal level; it's just that professionally, he

is focused on getting it done and has a limited tolerance for emotional fragility in the people he needs to help him execute on that mission."

Great business leaders tend to have "a significant body count of ex-employees claiming that they were autocratic and mean," Wong pointed out.

Zuckerberg gives employees "ever-greater challenges to surmount," he said, which should be fine for an employee who is confident and emotionally secure.

If you're looking for a boss to develop you or who gives you confirmation or even acknowledgement of your opinions, Zuckerberg's not the guy for you, said Wong.

"He does have a touch



► Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg is seen here during a private trip to Ha Long Bay, Vietnam, on Dec. 25, 2011.

of Asperger's," said Wong, referring to the disorder that robs people of social skills that he said accounts for Zuckerberg appearing

to ignore people when they're talking.

"I would characterize him as tough but fair."

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Facebook addicts get help at 'rehab'

A pair of entrepreneurs has created an online tool to target Facebook addicts, called FaceAnonymous.

"The first thing most young people do when they log in to a computer is to type an F," says Dan Penguin, co-founder of FaceAnonymous, the first "Facebook rehab."

Penguin and friend Siavosh Arasteh set up a website spreadsheet where people worldwide can record every time they logged in to Facebook.

Curt Dalton, CEO of Internet Time Machine, a company that analyzes web search words, says "Facebook" is the fastest growing addiction search



after "gaming," and it is trending higher.

"The first step to fix an addiction is to become aware of the problem," Siavosh told Metro.

But Internet psychologist Graham Jones emphasizes that as Facebook addiction is so new, treatment is only experimental at this stage.

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10% A recent study from China published in Plos One found 10 per cent of Internet users suffer from Internet Addiction Disorder, a recently acknowledged condition that disrupts brain-nerve fibres responsible for emotions, decision-making and self-control. Its effects can be as damaging to young people as alcohol or cannabis.

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New Libyan rulers accused of torture

► Canada urged to pressure Libya on new detainee torture reports

The new leaders of Libya, helped to power by an air war waged by Canada and its major allies, were denounced as torturers Thursday by major international groups.

The Canadian leader of Amnesty International called on the Harper government to use its influence with Libya's new transitional government to end the abuse of prisoners, documented by the organization in a new report.

Doctors Without Borders said it was suspending work in Libyan prisons because of rampant torture of detainees. The group said it was pulling out of the city

New leadership

► Canada has stood firm behind Libya's new transitional leadership both before and after Gadhafi was driven from power last year.

► Amnesty said the torture is being carried out by "officially recognized military and security entities" as well as the many armed militias still active in the country.

of Misrata because some detainees were brought for care only to make them fit for further interrogation.

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Buildings. Collapse



► Rescue workers stand next to the area where three buildings collapsed in Rio de Janeiro, Thursday.

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6 dead, 16 missing in Rio

A 20-storey building collapsed in Rio Wednesday evening, causing the collapse of two other smaller ones. At press time, rescuers had pulled six bodies from the rubble and 16 people were still missing.

Suspects detained in implant scandal

Police in pre-dawn sweeps Thursday arrested two top former executives of the now-defunct French company at the centre of a breast implant scandal affecting tens of thousands of women worldwide.

Jean-Claude Mas, who founded and ran implant-maker Poly Implant Prothese (PIP), was detained as part of a judicial probe in the southeastern city of Marseille into manslaughter and involuntary injuries, an official said. A regional official said former



► Jean-Claude Mas

No. 2 executive Claude Couty also was detained.

The suspect PIP implants are made with industrial-grade silicone instead of medical-grade gel.

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'Joke' leads to terror charges

Prosecutors charged a FedEx driver with threat of terrorism over allegations

he joked that a package he was delivering to a U.S. Army base was likely a bomb. Military police evacuated 215 people.

Charges filed Wednesday in Utah show the deliveryman was dropping off a package Sept. 20 at Camp Williams. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Iran ready for talks with foes

Iran is ready to revive talks with the U.S. and other world powers, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Thursday, but suggested that Tehran's foes will have to make compromises to prevent negotiations from again collapsing in stalemate.

Iran's insistence that it will never give up uranium enrichment — the process that makes material for reactors as well as weapons — scuttled negotiations a year ago and still looms as a potential deal breaker even as tougher Western sanctions target Iran's critical oil exports.

Ahmadinejad added his voice to proposals by Iranian officials to return to talks Thursday at a rally in the southeastern city of Kerman, saying a nation that is in the "right" should not be worried about holding dialogue.

Iran indicated earlier this week it was ready for a new round of talks with the five permanent UN Security Council members plus Germany. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FEDERAL FINANCE

Ottawa rethinks securities regulator

The federal government announced Thursday that it will head back to the drawing board following a court verdict that scuttled its original plans for a national securities regulator.

Ottawa still hopes to create a national body, more limited in scope and in collaboration with the provinces, that would play a role in monitoring long-term risks to financial markets.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty delivered his most elaborate public reaction since last month's critical ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada.

That decision may have quashed the decade-old project, touted by successive govern-



▶ Jim Flaherty

ments, to create a one-stop shop for the country's securities regulation.

But Flaherty pointed out that there's still room for a federal role.

"It's clear in the Supreme Court of Canada judgment that the day-to-day regulation of securities will remain with the provinces," Flaherty said.

"But (the court) also said that there is an area of federal jurisdiction, including national standards and systemic risk. So I hope ... we can make an arrangement with the provinces to proceed with a Canadian securities regulator," he said in an interview at the Davos economic summit.

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Harper signals change

▶ Prime Minister's speech in Davos hints at reforms for pensions, investment and immigration ▶ Canada 'model of confidence,' Harper says

Ottawa will transform the country's pension system to curtail government costs, but details won't come until the budget, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday.

In a major speech at the World Economic Forum, Harper also signalled looming reforms in immigration as well as research and development — all in the name of ensuring Canada's economy is on a strong footing.

The idea, he said, is to position Canada as a more competitive force in the global economy and to confront the pressures of an aging population.

"In the months to come, our government will undertake major transformations to position Canada for growth over the next generation," Harper said in an address to several dozen of



▶ Stephen Harper talks with British Prime Minister David Cameron at pub in Davos, Switzerland on Thursday.

the 2,600 forum delegates.

Despite the immediate audience, the speech was aimed as much at voters back home as it was at international business and political leaders.

The prime minister also reiterated a commitment to streamline environmental




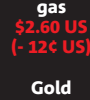
approvals for major energy projects and said he would press ahead with developing ways to export energy to Asia.

He chided wealthy countries for being too complacent about ringing up debt that they cannot afford,

Harper said his govern-

ment has worked to keep financial disorder out of Canada and is stepping up efforts to set the country on the right track for coming decades. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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	\$1,726.70 US (+ \$26.60 US)

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Boomers piling on too much debt: CIBC

Baby boomers and Canadians who can least afford it are the most responsible for statistics that show consumers are piling on too much debt, according to an analysis of household finances released Thursday by the CIBC.

The micro-examination of debt in Canada suggests the problem may be more serious than thought and sheds new light on Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney's statement last week that he is most worried about "vulnerable" households.

The raw numbers are bad enough. The ratio of household debt to dispos-

able annual income has been rising steadily since 2007 and recently reached a record 153 per cent.

That puts Canadian households on the doorstep of the 160 per cent level, where Americans were prior to the housing collapse.

But as the CIBC report suggests, households in other countries, particularly Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland, have reached significantly higher thresholds without triggering a crisis.

"It's not only the amount of debt Canadians are carrying, but how many are getting close to the lim-



▶ A new study suggests household debt may be a bigger problem in Canada than previously thought.

it of their borrowing capacity," said CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld, co-author of the paper with

economist Benjamin Tal.

"It would have been nice to have found that the rise in debt was coming from

those with a lot of room to borrow, but instead what we see is those with a lot of debt are piling on more."

Another concern, Shenfeld said, is that Canadians over 45 years old who should be saving for retirement are increasingly dipping into the credit market, a trend likely contributing to the rise in bankruptcies among the 50 and older set.

The CIBC analysis showed one-third of debt carriers are already above the 160 per cent line and that they are wholly responsible for about three-quarters of all the household debt in Canada.

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Debt debate

▶ Household debt has been a hotly-debated issue in Canada since central banker Mark Carney began fretting that debt was reaching record highs even as the economy was in recession.

▶ Last week, economists Craig Alexander and Derek Holt of TD Bank and ScotiaBank, respectively, suggested the problem may be exaggerated. The household debt-to-income measure was deeply flawed, they argued.

Taxpayers still owed for bailouts: Watchdog

A government watchdog says U.S. taxpayers are still owed \$132.9 billion US that companies haven't repaid from the financial bailout, and some of that will never be recovered.

The bailout launched at the height of the financial crisis in September 2008

will continue to exist for years, says a report issued Thursday by Christy Romero, the acting special inspector general for the \$700 billion bailout US.

Some bailout programs, such as the effort to help homeowners avoid foreclosure by re-

ducing mortgage payments, will last as late as 2017, costing the government an additional \$51 billion US or so. The gyrating stock market has slowed the Treasury Department's efforts to sell off its stakes in 458 bailed-out companies, the report says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Consumer confidence index up, board says

The Conference Board of Canada says its monthly survey of consumer moods shows Canadians are a little more upbeat about their finances this month.

The think-tank says its index of consumer confidence for January rose four points to 73.9, what it

calls a "welcome development" after a dismal reading in December.

Last month, the index dropped to its lowest level in more than two years.

Even though consumers seem a little more optimistic in January, the measure of their willingness to spend money still

sits 14.3 points below where it was at the same time in 2011.

About 16 per cent of respondents to its survey say they're better off financially than they were six months ago, while 22.3 say they believe things are tougher.

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'AMERICA'S BACK' SPEECH CAN'T SAVE SINKING SHIP

THE METRO LIST

MIKE BENHAIM
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My resolution this New Year's Eve was to be less cynical. Oh well, four weeks still beats last year's record.

1 Research in (slow) Motion:

RIM appointed a new CEO in an attempt to revive dying BlackBerry's in a world of iPhones and Androids. His name is Thorsten Heins, but he may as well be Thurston Howell III, because all the money in the world ain't getting him off that island.

2 Muddled Voyage: The man that drove his car through the Waterloo, Ont., police station last November was apparently sentenced to a year of community service ... as captain of a cruise ship. Oops!

3 Political Hubris: Stephen Harper finally met with delegates at the World Economic Forum this week. He rebuked European leaders for being fiscally irresponsible, and cited Canada as the role model. He referenced our medicare system which, in hard times, assures Canadians the same unsatisfactory services they've come to expect, at no additional cost.

4 Idol Setback: American Idol is back for its 11th season, and the first individual voted off is Steven Tyler for his rendition of The Star Spangled Banner.

5 Sexy Spinsters: Ladies, if you are unattached, attractive, and believe in love at first sight with a stranger who will also be dating 25 other women on national TV, then I've got great news — The Bachelor is coming to Canada! The not-so-great news is that you are probably desperate and have low self-esteem. But good luck!

6 Love on the Rocks: Another celebrity breakup hit the news wire this week as German model Heidi Klum is divorcing R&B singer Seal. My immediate reaction to the news was, "Those two were married?"

7 Spoiler Alert: Academy Award nominees were unveiled this week, and I want to prepare for my Oscar pool by identifying this year's pretentiously touted film that no one actually wants to watch, à la English Patient or King's Speech, and bet on that.

8 Ice Dreams: Bruins goalie Tim Thomas ignited controversy by refusing to join the NHL champs who were invited to appear at the White House this week. Thomas stated that he had become disillusioned with the government, whose actions over the past few years, he feels, have been counter-constitutional. On the other hand, he still blames his parents for never providing figure-skating lessons.

9 God Save the School: Dr. Alisun Pawley, a musicologist from the University of York in England, concluded in a recent study that the Canadian national anthem was not very "sing-along-able." My first question is, "Who funded this study, and why?" Second question is, "Should a university professor be using a word like 'sing-along-able'?"

10 American Delusions: The U.S. prez showed us once again that "Campaign Obama" is far better at his job than "President Obama." His "America's back" speech was shrewdly more feeling than fact. If the country were a business, I'd suspect he was getting ready to sell to China, but that's just silly ... or is it?

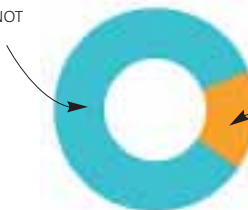
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makes "City of

Opportunity" look like shrewd stroke of marketing brilliance! #ldnont is OFFICIALLY its own worst joke.

► **@DanniBoi1989:**
#ldont, #ldnont Our June 10, 2012 registration count is climbing. Will you be next to register?

WalkToFightArthritis.ca
► **@samkohn:** Thanks to Green Shield, 2 matches from BigBroBigSis got to see the @GoLondonKnights game

at the @JLC last night! #donateyourxtras #ldnont

► **@gmacXFMreporter:** The College Journeyman goalie is playing for the Wheeling Nailers tonight in #Fanshawe mens ice hockey intramurals

► **@jbak6:** 6 hr mtg on the use of Flouride in the #ldnont H2O system and at end of night council decides to send it back to staff for review...LAME!!

► **@NikkehSass:** Something really needs to be done about all of these sink holes in #ldnont. It's not normal to be having so many!

Daily Zoom



Shinier 'Blue Marble'

New image of Earth captured

SNAP. It's our blue planet, like we've never seen before. Nasa's latest "Blue Marble" photograph is the most high-resolution image of Earth ever captured. This picture was taken on Jan. 4 from Suomi NPP, Nasa's most recently launched Earth-observing satellite, the first in a new series of such devices. ● MWNN

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kilometres — the distance above Earth this photograph was taken. This new high-resolution image displays about 1.6 kilometres per pixel.

Satellite facts

- **Composite image:** Created from four orbits of the Earth's surface.
- **Worth lots of numbers:** Suomi NPP weighs 2,041 kgs, carries five instruments, and orbits the Earth about 14 times each day.
- **'For weather forecasting':** Collects data on clouds, atmosphere and oceans.

First photo was upside down

HISTORY. The original "Blue Marble" photo was taken by the Apollo 17 crew on Dec. 7, 1972, from a distance of about 45,000 kilometres. It was the first opportunity to photograph the south polar ice cap. It was originally taken upside down due to the way the astronauts were then travelling. ● MWNN

Synopsis

Liam Neeson plays John Ottway, a sharpshooter hired to keep predatory wolves out of an oil station in the remotest part of Alaska. He becomes the leader of a ragtag group of survivors when the plane transporting them to their oil job crashes in the wilderness. Hunted by wolves and exposed to the elements, Ottway's know-how is the only thing between freezing to death or, worse, becoming the big bad wolf's dinner.

Ratings:

Richard: ●●●●●

Chris: ●●●●●



► Liam Neeson tapes busted bottles to his knuckles in a showdown with some man-eating wolves.

Reel Guys

**RICHARD
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Big, bad wolves

► The Grey's characters bring lyricism to the man-versus-nature genre
► Chris Alexander joins Richard Crouse this week to review Liam Neeson's latest

Richard: Chris, the thing that separates The Grey from other man-versus-nature movies is the characters. At first glance they are the usual assortment of rough and ready characters: the edgy chatterbox, the ex-con. But soon nuances appear. They shed tears and even recite poetry when not fighting off steely-eyed wolves. Most action movies are only concerned about setting up the action and the payoff. The Grey isn't. It wants you to get to know the men so when something awful happens to them, you care.

Chris: That's what I found so disarming about the picture, that lyricism. The

trailer certainly leads you to believe that it's all about Neeson suiting up with busted bottle fingertips, growling and boxing toothy timber-wolves. And while we DO get that, its strength is that tapestry of characters and how instead of becoming more savage as their situation becomes more desperate, they become more human. This is as much Hemingway as it is horror show. Speaking of horror ... what did you think about those wolves? Did you buy it?

RC: For me the wolves were the least interesting part of the movie. They make for cunning foes, but Neeson's Wolf Whisperer character

defanged some of the horror because he understood and was able to explain their behaviour. A dose of unpredictability might have been scarier for me. Having said that, I still wouldn't want to meet up with any of the movie's wolves, no matter how much CGI was involved.

CA: Ahhhh...I loved them. Of course, they are not based in reality by any stretch. But that's OK, neither was Bruce the Shark in Jaws. The wolves are death itself, stalking the men, toying with them, picking them off randomly and without warning in novel and gruesome ways. On that tip, The Grey is kind of

the spiritual sister to the Final Destination films. OK, that may be a stretch, but the wolves and their almost supernatural presence really do push the film into an almost surreal area that I liked. And I'd be willing to bet some viewers won't like them for that very reason...

RC: The wolves, I guess, are the film's hook, but for me it's all about the characters. Come for the wolves! Stay for the characters!

CA: Well, whether it be wolves, sensitive manly men or a glimpse into the snowy hell that we've mercifully been spared this year, The Grey is spectacular entertainment.

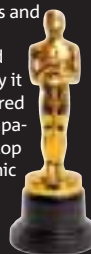
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Scene in brief

Potential Oscar winners will now be a click away from winning a trophy. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced Wednesday it has partnered with a company to develop an electronic voting system for next year's Academy Awards. Voting in the past has been compiled through paper ballots sent through the mail.

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Filmmakers defend radical-Islam documentary that was criticized by NYC mayor, Muslim groups



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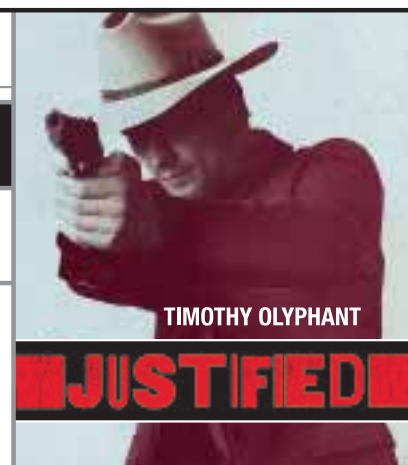
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Drew's Big Miracle



► Drew Barrymore learns that a few whales can get stakeholders to put their agendas aside for a little while

Maybe this won't come as a surprise to many, but Drew Barrymore found it pretty

easy to get into the mind of the Greenpeace crusader she plays in *Big Miracle*. "I

spent a lot of time — a lot of time — with Cindy Lowery, the woman I play in the

film," Barrymore says of her preparation for the part. (The character on

screen goes by the name Rachel Kramer, though.) "And she's just rad and a total badass and super-cool and fun, and we really actually connected, which is the way you hope it will be, but maybe it will and maybe it won't. But we were like two peas in a pod. It was great."

Big Miracle tells a true tale about all types of people — feuding news anchors, Inuit natives, oil tycoons, even the Russian navy — coming together to help three gray whales trapped under the arctic ice off northern Alaska, cutting off their migration and threatening their lives. It wasn't just the natural drama of the story but also the amazing camaraderie involved in the rescue that attracted Barrymore to the project.

"I just think seeing this story and living in it, you just appreciate that everybody put their agendas aside for a second to work on the same thing, and it's sort of peeling away the layers," she says.

"I liked when I got to say to [Ted Danson's oil executive] character in the film, 'You're not as hard to hate as I thought.' I just liked that moment and thought what it would be like if you actually were stuck and got to know the people that you thought you were so different from."

While the Greenpeace crusader Barrymore plays in the film starts off shouting through a megaphone

Not getting jaded

► Starting in entertainment as an infant, Drew Barrymore has had a long Hollywood career, considering she's only 36. And while she's found tremendous success in adulthood, the actress, writer, director and producer finds that the tough times are the key to keeping herself grounded. "I mean, it's just a choice, I suppose," she says of not taking success for granted. "I've also experienced in life that it really can all go away, so that was a wonderful thing to experience because then you really do appreciate what you have. So I've experienced a bit of both, which is really such a blessing."

at a city council meeting, she doesn't want *Big Miracle* to have that level of preachiness.

The goal, she says, was "making it personal rather than, like, soapbox-y — which I hope this film achieves or is good at. It's amazing how it touches on so many things that could be different today if they were different back then, but it doesn't do it in like a preachy, in-your-face kind of way. So I think the more you do speak from the heart rather than thumping the agenda... I just think that that's where people listen."

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► In *Big Miracle*, Drew Barrymore plays a Greenpeace crusader trying to save three gray whales.

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One for the Money
Genre: Action/Comedy

Director: Julie Anne Robinson

Stars: Katherine Heigl, Jason O'Mara

Based on Janet Evanovich's popular Stephanie Plum novels, One for the Money casts

Katherine Heigl as an unemployed Jersey girl who desperately takes a job as a bounty hunter, which soon finds her tracking down a former lover. If that premise sounds over-worked, wait until you witness the farcical characters, clunky dialogue and droll plotline that structure this threadbare action comedy.

Evanovich fans may be curious but Julie Anne Robinson's (Grey's Anatomy) adaptation, but it never really comes together.

● STEVE GOW

Man on a Ledge
Genre: Thriller

Director: Asger Leth

Stars: Sam Worthington, Elizabeth Banks

An effectively simple premise is ruined by endless convolutions in Man on a Ledge, which casts Sam Worthington as an ex-con who has mysteriously and perilously planted himself on the wrong side of a Manhattan hotel penthouse. Elizabeth Banks is



good as the police psychologist assigned to talk him down, but Asger Leth's stilted, uneven direction fails.

● ADAM NAYMAN

Surviving Progress
Genre: Documentary

Directors: Mathieu Roy, Harold Crooks

Stars: Stephen Hawking, Jane Goodall, David Suzuki

Adapted from Ronald Wright's bestselling Massey Lecture and featuring an array of spooked talking heads holding forth on the dire state of our globalized society, Surviving Progress is what might be called a big-picture documentary: its subject is the way that the grand advancements of a



civilization can also be the seeds of its downfall.

It's heady stuff, and also very talky, which is why the slick, inventive visuals by directors Mathieu Roy and Harold Crooks are so necessary.

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Lea: We kinda wanna be ya

- Glee gal Lea Michele is livin' large, surrounded by Candie's fancy things
- Former brand spokeswomen include Fergie and Britney Spears

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Lea Michele is moving from a locker to a much bigger closet. She's the star of the new Candie's ad campaign, dubbed Hanging at Home, shot at a private mansion in Beverly Hills.

The images show her poolside, in the kitchen, in a bed with satin sheets and in a walk-in closet, wearing a new outfit and pair of shoes in each one.

The 25-year-old star of Glee is following in the high-heel footprints of former brand spokeswomen Britney Spears and Fergie, among others.

Michele says she particularly liked Spears' old ads. "I think they're fun and flirty and show off her body great."

Michele does a little showing off here, too, with some sexy poses, some silly poses and some glamorous ones.

Anyone who has seen Michele do a turn on the red carpet knows she has her moves down for the



► Livin' la vida lovely: Lea Michele in Beverly Hills. Michele stars in Candie's new ad campaign, dubbed Hanging at Home.

camera.

She has become a "get" for designers eager to show off their gowns on a hot young starlet.

At the recent Golden Globes, she wore a silver Marchesa gown that was straight from the runway.

Her sentimental favourite gown, though, was probably the one she wore to her first Globes in

2010: a black, strapless Oscar de la Renta with a full skirt.

Here's a few other tidbits from Michele in an email interview.

What was your wardrobe like in high school?

My wardrobe in high school was very simple. Jeans and maybe a sweatshirt and sneakers.

Is there a style trend that you

love?

I love wide-leg, high-waisted pants. If done the right way, they're very chic.

Is there a trend you wish would go away?

Feathers in people's hair! **Do you have a guilty pleasure?**

I LOVE beauty products. Face and body creams are my obsession.

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TV picks

Fringe coming to an end?



SCI-FI SHOW HANGS ON. Ominous comments from a Fox executive have Fringe fans fretting that their beloved show could be similarly coming to an end soon.

In a case of art imitating life, Friday's episode finds Olivia

copied with an ominous warning from the Observers. Peter and the team, meanwhile, track a girl with the ability to predict death.

Let's hope that any predictions of this inventive sci-fi show's end are premature. (Fox, Citytv)

Chuck gets, well, chucked.

SERIES END. An underdog through its entire run, the spy comedy Chuck closes out its fifth and final season with Friday's two-hour series finale.

Constantly perched on the brink of cancellation, the show survived thanks to multiple fan campaigns.

But the show's producers wrapped things up the way they wanted to with tonight's farewell, in

which Sarah returns from a mission with a big secret and Ellie and Awesome have a life-altering opportunity. (NBC, CHCH)

Real vs. fake figure skating

BLADES OF GLORY. It's a programming circumstance too perfect to be coincidental on Saturday. While figure skating airs on two networks — the 2012 Canadian championships gala on TSN, the U.S. championships ladies free skate on NBC — ABC and CTV Two are countering with the underrated Will Ferrell comedy Blades of Glory, in which the curly-coiffed funnyman and Napoleon Dynamite star Jon Heder play two rival skaters who explore a

loop-hole and skate as a pair. The goofy comedy co-stars Canadian Will Arnett and his real-life wife Amy Poehler.

Blowing around the Windy City

MEDIATING STREET-LEVEL CONFLICTS. The critically lauded, Oscar-nominated 1994 documentary Hoop Dreams created a portrait of two aspiring hoopsters living in inner-city Chicago. Director Steve James returned to the Windy City for his 2011 doc, The Interrupters, airing Saturday on CBC NN.

The film focuses on a few brave souls trying to defy the tide of bloodshed on Chicago streets by putting themselves in harm's way.

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Roadshow is back in LONDON

TERRY JINKLER
Canadian Collector Roadshow
Staff Writer

After very successful shows in Newmarket and Peterborough, the roadshow is now



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coming to London. So you had better search through your attics and garages, go through your lock boxes and jewellery, because you may be sitting on a small fortune and not even know it! Roadshow experts are here to examine all your antiques, collectibles, gold and silver.

During a show near Toronto, a woman came in with a jewellery box that she had just inherited from her late aunt. "I don't wear jewellery," explained Barbara Eyles. "so it was an easy decision to come down to the Roadshow to sell it". She was very excited when she was able to walk away with a cheque for over \$2,100 for jewellery she was never going to wear anyway.

Expert Elijah Gold explains, "We have noticed a substantial increase in the amount of precious metals such as gold and silver coming to the Roadshow, which makes sense considering how high it's currently trading at. He added, "The Roadshow is

great because it puts money in people's pockets, especially during such hard times. Lots of items that are just sitting around collecting dust in basements and jewellery boxes can be exchanged for money, on the spot!"

At another Roadshow event, a woman, named Mira Kovalechek, walked in with a tin full of hundreds of old coins that were given to her as a young child by her grandfather. She finally decided to come in to the Roadshow and see what he had given her. She was ecstatic to learn she had coins dating back to the late 1800s, some of which were extremely rare. Roadshow consultant Perry Bruce explains "We had uncovered an 1871 Queen Victoria 50 Cent piece, valued at over \$2,000!! She had a nice assortment of coins that were not rare dates, but she was able to sell them for their silver content". She explains, "I never would have thought that any old tin of coins was worth so much! I am finally

afford to renovate my kitchen". Perry Bruce continued, "Canadian coins prior to 1967, and American coins prior to 1964 are all made with silver, and we have noticed a large increase of customers coming to the Roadshow with coins and cashing them in for their silver value".

Experts at the Roadshow will evaluate and examine your items, FREE OF CHARGE, as well as advise you on them. The Roadshow sees hundreds of people during a one-week event, and they have been travelling across Canada to different cities and towns, searching for your forgotten treasures.

Trains, dolls, toys, old advertising signs, pocket watches, porcelain and bronze dolls, pretty much everything can be sold at the Roadshow. Any early edition Barbie's are sought after by the Roadshow collectors, as well as a variety of Disney Toys and Matchbox cars, Lionel Trains and

a variety of tin toys can also fetch a price, especially if they are in their original box or in mint condition. If a collector is looking for one of your collectibles, they can always make an offer to buy it.

A man brought in a 1950s Marx Tin Toy Robot, in fairly good condition, still in its original box. They were able to locate a collector for that specific toy within minutes, and that gentleman went home with over \$700 for his Toy Robot and a few other small toys.

So whether you have an old toy car, a broken gold chain, or a Barbie sitting in the closet, bring it down to the Roadshow, they will take a look at it for FREE and it could put money in your pocket!

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Say it ain't so, Demi

► Actress' trip to hospital caused by inhalant, according to report

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This is a hard one to really believe: The substance that reportedly put Demi Moore in the hospital was nitrous oxide, a gas most commonly used in dentist's offices and whipped cream cans that is also popular on the concert tailgating scene, according to TMZ.

A friend of Moore's reportedly called 911 after the actress had an adverse reaction to a "whippet," a small canister of nitrous

oxide that can be inhaled. But friends say the most recent incident — which landed Moore in rehab — was just the latest in a long downward slide.

"Really, it was over the last year her friends saw a change," the source tells People magazine.

"She wasn't sleeping as well, didn't seem to be eating and looked really gaunt."

Whatever it was, Moore was released from the hospital yesterday.

There's no word on her next steps. But let's hope she'll take better care of herself — and will stay clear from any Disco Biscuit concerts in the near future.



► Demi Moore

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Can I get a 'D' for drunk?

There's a reason Pat Sajak and Vanna White were able to act excited every time a correct letter was guessed on The Wheel of Fortune — They were sloshed.

On ESPN's Dan Le Batard is Highly Questionable radio show Tuesday, Sajak told the host that back in the '80s, he and Vanna

would down margaritas between shows and then stumble back to the set.

"Vanna and I would ... have two or three or six and then come and do the last shows and have trouble recognizing the alphabet. They're really good tapes to get a hold of. I had a great time," Sajak said.

"I have no idea if the shows were any good, but no one said anything, so I guess I did OK."

But rest assured. Now that he's been hosting for more than 30 years (and is 65 years old) he's not on the sauce while handing out cars and cash prizes.

"I would be hesitant to

have anything to drink now," he said.

So, now that we understand how Pat and Vanna got through the drudgery that was daily game show hosting back in the day, does anyone else wonder what Alex Trebek is on? Whippets? Or is that just Demi Moore's game?

Celebrity tweets



I was reading an Evelyn

Waugh book, looked up and said to myself, "why doesn't anyone talk like this anymore"



@OfficialKat

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Hire all first-time actors, shoot it on iPhone in one room and hire someone cheaper than me to direct.

@MiaFarrow



Setting up dream. I'll be a Navy Seal rescuing captives in umm maybe Somalia. Bad guys'll never know what hit them.

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I'm a big fan of our President. He's rad.

Oprah a godmother to Blue Ivy Carter?

Beyoncé Knowles and Jay-Z have reportedly decided they want Oprah Winfrey to be their newborn daughter's godmother, according to Media Takeout.

A source close to the couple says they wanted to give the newborn to someone not already related to one-month-old Blue Ivy Carter, ruling out Beyoncé's sister, Solange Knowles.

As for the little girl's godfather, the new parents have reportedly asked Jay-Z's best friend, Tyran "Ty Ty" Smith.



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Beyond your comfort zone



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Though no slouch in the unique grape varieties or colourful winemaking characters departments, South African wines still get the short end of the corkscrew from consumers.

Some of it is South Africa's fault (it never put forward a public personality for its wines) and some is Canadian wine buyers' fault (who talk a good game about wanting wines with personality then turn their noses up at anything that isn't from mass market).

The vineyards around Cape Town are arguably the most beautiful in the world, producing classically South African fruit in the form of chenin blanc and pinotage as well as familiar grapes like shiraz and sauvignon blanc.

If you're intrigued but still scared of drinking outside your comfort zone, South Africa is the new home of the most popular white grape on the liquor landscape: Pinot Grigio.

The 2011 Flat Roof Manor Pinot Grigio (\$10.95 - \$12.99) is a grape-forward PG from Stellenbosch with a modern look and hint of tropical fruit that matches creamy pasta sauces. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

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For this recipe, some people use a can of soup. By making your own pan sauce, you help to reduce sodium and create flavour that is still big.

Mushroom Gravy Chicken Preparation:

1 In bowl combine Italian herb seasoning, dried basil, black and hot pepper; set aside. Slice chicken breasts in half

horizontally to get 4 pieces. Sprinkle herb mixture on both sides.

2 In skillet heat oil over medium high heat and brown breasts on both sides 5 minutes and remove to plate. Add onion, mushrooms and thyme and cook, stirring 10 mins. or until softened. Sprinkle with

flour and cook, stirring for 30 seconds. Pour in stock and bring to the boil, stirring. Return chicken to the skillet and simmer, turning for about 5 mins. or until chicken is no longer pink inside. **EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

Ingredients:

- 1 tsp (5 mL) Italian herb seasoning
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried basil
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) pepper
- Pinch hot pepper flakes
- 2 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 1 lb/450 g)

- 2 tsp (10 mL) olive oil
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 1 lb (500 g) cremini mushrooms, sliced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried thyme leaves
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) flour
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) sodium reduced chicken broth

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Major. Passion

▶ Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates a point against Roger Federer on Thursday at the Australian Open in Melbourne.

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Nadal takes upper hand in rivalry at Australian Open

It was one round earlier than they usually meet in a Grand Slam, but Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer still treated it like a final. Nadal outlasted Federer 6-7 (5), 6-2, 7-6 (5), 6-4 in an Australian Open semifinal Thursday night between longtime rivals who had met in eight major finals. Nadal plays the winner of Friday's semifinal between defending champion Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray. On the women's side, Maria Sharapova will play Victoria Azarenka for the championship after overcoming Petra Kvitova in Thursday's afternoon match. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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"There are probably three different groups that are taking a serious look at buying the Coyotes to keep them where they're located."

GARY BETTMAN DURING HIS WEEKLY RADIO SHOW. THE NHL COMMISSIONER SAID GLENDALE, ARIZ., IS "VERY MUCH PART OF THE EQUATION," REFERRING TO THE CITY, WHICH HAS PAID OUT \$25 MILLION US IN EACH OF THE PAST TWO SEASONS TO KEEP THE COYOTES WHILE THE NHL OPERATES THE TEAM AND SEEKS AN OWNER.

Alfredsson loads up on Sens

- ▶ Karlsson, Spezza and Michalek picked by Ottawa captain at NHL all-star fantasy draft
- ▶ Chara shows loyalty to Bruins Thomas and Seguin
- ▶ San Jose's Couture goes last overall

Captain Zdeno Chara picked Detroit forward Pavel Datsyuk first overall and then turned to Bruins teammate Tim Thomas in goal in the NHL all-star fantasy draft Thursday night.

Rival skipper Daniel Alfredsson chose his fellow Senators in the early going.

The Ottawa captain, who lost the puck flip to pick first, chose Senators de-

fenceman Erik Karlsson second and Jason Spezza fourth overall. He took Ottawa forward Milan Michalek 24th.

Chara also stayed at home with the third pick, taking Thomas. He rescued Bruins forward Tyler Seguin with the 35th selection.

Leafs sniper Phil Kessel, the last man picked in the inaugural draft last year,

Rowdy bunch

The pro-Ottawa crowd wasn't shy Thursday, chanting "Alfie" and "Leafs Suck" in the leadup to the first pick.

went 15th overall to Team Chara.

The last man standing this year was San Jose for-

ward Logan Couture, who had earlier tweeted: "Is it me or is it getting hotter back here after every pick?"

He went to Team Alfredsson by default as the 38th player taken. Couture got a Honda Accord for his troubles and the NHL and NHL Player's Association also donated \$10,000 each to a charity of his choice.

Chara ignored players

from the rival Canucks, but was quick to welcome Thomas into the fold.

The star goalie has been in the spotlight this week, after opting not to join the Bruins in a visit to the White House, citing political objections.

On stage after being picked, Thomas said simply: "I followed my conscience." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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► Carlos Tevez and his Manchester City teammates celebrate with the trophy after they won the FA Cup last year.

FA Cup looks to Super Bowl for inspiration

► Soccer competition seeks to add glitz to its final

Seeking to restore the allure of the FA Cup, English football is looking to American sport to see how some glitz can be added to the final of world football's oldest domestic cup competition.

Once the main event in the English football calendar and a must-see TV event globally, some of the cup's appeal has been lost as the more lucrative Premier League and Champions League appear to be outshining the 140-year competition.

Wembley Stadium has staged NFL regular season games for five years, giving a glimpse of how the FA Cup final could be spiced up with more entertainment and glamor there.

"We are always learning, we are investing more internal marketing resources alongside that (broadcaster) ITV and Budweiser put in," FA General Secretary Alex Horne said while overlooking the Wembley pitch. "As a collective we all think we can make something more of the day of the final and the event — whether it's on the pitch or the buildup to the event.

"Of course we can learn

"We had a global audience of half-a-billion for the FA Cup final last year, so we know it's a very relevant product."

FA GENERAL SECRETARY
ALEX HORNE

from the NBA events or the NFL events ... there are many people who do this well."

While looking west across the Atlantic for inspiration on event management, Horne is not losing sight of the competition's big fan base in the East.

"The FA Cup continues to attract huge audiences throughout the world, especially in Asia," Horne said. "China and Thailand are huge markets for English football and the FA Cup in particular."

But the FA Cup final could be moved from its traditional kickoff time this season in a bid to boost British TV audiences, potentially hitting Asian viewing figures.

The final is set to be at 5:15 p.m. instead of 3 p.m., while talks are under way with the Premier League

about preventing a repeat of last season when the match had to be played on the same day as a topflight league program for the first time in 50 years.

That led to Manchester United clinching a record 19th league title just before local rival City ended a 35-year trophy drought by lifting the FA Cup at Wembley.

"The important thing for us is giving (the final) an identity, even if it is not on the last day of the season," Horne said.

The problem of the FA Cup final sharing the day with other big matches in England could be exacerbated by the Champions League final returning to Wembley in 2013 after being staged there last May. UEFA needs the stadium for two weeks before the match.

But ahead of the fourth round this weekend, the FA has sought to highlight the enduring value of the cup, with a study showing that clubs have collectively earned around 650 million pounds (\$1 billion) over the last 10 years in prize money, TV payments and ticket revenue.

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‘Just glad I get to come back’

► Fielder makes Detroit return

Prince Fielder stood with a smile and recalled his earliest memories of old Tiger Stadium, when he would hang out at the ballpark where his father hit so many massive home runs.

“For me, it was always Sparky saying I was going to pinch hit — and I really believed him,” Fielder said, referring to former manager Sparky Anderson. “I’m just glad I get to come back.”

The Tigers introduced Fielder on Thursday after finalizing a US\$214 million, nine-year contract with the free agent first baseman, who is expected to hit a lot more home runs than his dad.

Fielder was born in 1984, the last time Detroit won the World Series. After luring him back to Michigan with the fourth-largest deal in baseball history, the Tigers are hoping Fielder will help usher in a new championship era for the Motor City.

“This is awesome,” Fielder said. “It’s kind of a dream come true. I’m excited.”

Detroit began seriously pursuing Fielder after designated hitter Victor Martinez tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during off-season conditioning. Now the Tigers have three of baseball’s biggest stars — Fielder, Miguel Cabrera and Justin Verlander — all in their primes. Detroit won the AL Central by 15 games last year but lost to Texas in the AL championship series.

“We’re trying to win right now,” general manager Dave Dombrowski said. “We tried to win last year. We were close.”

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► Tigers GM Dave Dombrowski, left, helps Prince Fielder with his uniform as team owner Mike Ilitch looks on.

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- He also would get \$100,000 if he's an all-star starter and \$50,000 if he's a reserve, or alternatively \$100,000 if he's a Baseball America or Sporting News post-season all-star.
- He also would receive \$100,000 for a Gold Glove,

\$100,000 for a Silver Slugger, \$100,000 for the Hank Aaron Award, \$150,000 for league championship series MVP and \$200,000 for World Series MVP.

- In addition, he gets a hotel suite on the road.
- Fielder made \$15.7 million in his final season with the Brewers. He had a \$15.5-million base salary and earned \$100,000 for finishing third in NL MVP voting, \$50,000 for starting the all-star game and \$50,000 for a Silver Slugger award.

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New Colts coach brings ‘leadership we need at this point’

Colts owner Jim Irsay expects Chuck Pagano to bring more than tough talk to Indianapolis.

He wants results.

A day after hiring Pagano as his new coach, Irsay introduced the former Baltimore Ravens' defensive co-ordinator as the man asked to rebuild the franchise.

“I really believe Chuck is bringing a toughness, the leadership we need at this point for the franchise,” Irsay said.

The 51-year-old Pagano said the hiring had been a “whirlwind,” since the Ravens lost only a few days ago in the AFC championship game.

“Words can’t describe the emotions that I’m going through right now and the feelings,” he said. “Coming off probably the most devastating loss that I’ve ever been a part of in the AFC championship game and to go in that locker room and see those faces and we all know how hard it is to get to that stage and to see the tears. It’s an all-time low, and the last thing I ever expected came across my table and now I sit here at an all-time high.”

Clearly, Pagano’s job won’t be easy.

The first-time head coach will be working with a first-time general manager, Ryan Grigson, and the next big move will be deciding what to do with four-time league MVP Peyton Manning, who missed the entire season after having his latest neck surgery in September. The Colts must play Manning \$28 million by March 8 or risk losing him as an unrestricted free agent.

In an interview earlier this week, Manning explained that the biggest overhaul of his career had created an uncomfortable environment at team headquarters — and that he had not yet spoken with Irsay about his future.

It is one of many questions the Colts face in a tumultuous off-season.

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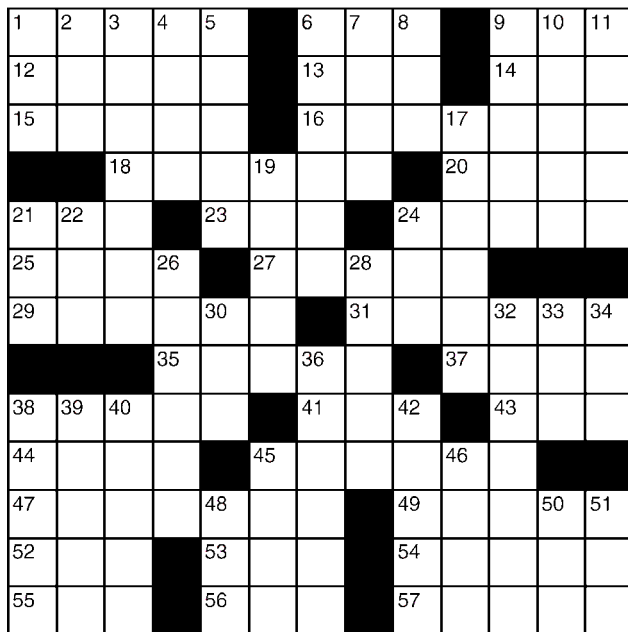
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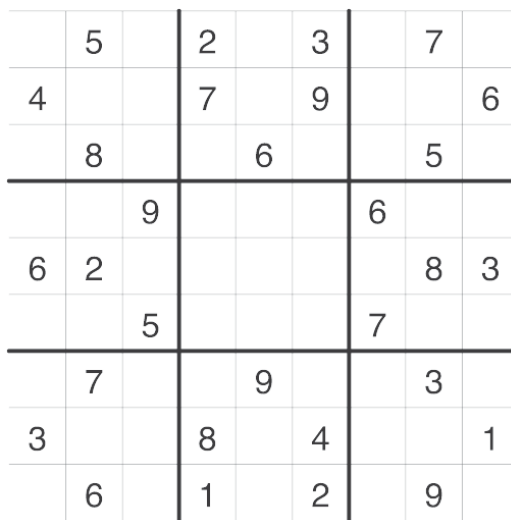
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32 Low chest of drawers
33 Also
34 Hot tub
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38 Coffee-chocolate blend
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40 March of —
42 Typesetting measures
45 Quick cut
46 Close
48 Greek vowel
50 Witness



► Yesterday's answer



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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

An affair of the heart could get interesting over the next 24 hours.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Look and act confident wherever you go and whatever you do. If your rivals detect anxiety, they will find ways to play on your fears.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

As Mercury, your ruler, changes signs today, your head will be full of big ideas. Focus on the ones most likely to make you money.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

Get your financial house in order and cut back on activities that waste both time and money.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

It may seem as if you're dancing to someone else's tune but you're always free to make the decisions.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

The more others say you're aiming for the impossible, the more driven you are to prove them wrong.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Start something that gets you noticed. If you can put a name to your dream, you can live it too.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Sacrifices will have to be made, especially on the home front where loved ones just can't seem to get things right on their own.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Let others know how you think and feel today. Spell it out for them in plain and simple language.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

There is a chance you will come into money over the next few days.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Put your needs first and don't feel guilty if you do better than others. It's not that you've been lucky, it's that you've planned ahead.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

There are ways you can make life easier for yourself. The most obvious is to stop taking certain things so seriously. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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